13; Lutké--147
116, 562, 609

(1827-1828) 1836

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Woleai

The inhabitants of the Ouléaf group, as well as those of the isolated island of Feiss, were less severe towards us, as far as their women were concerned, than the inhabitants of the Lougounor group; they allowed them to be found in our company, and it needed only a short time for an intimate connection to become established between us; in spite of this sort of intimacy and the boundless confidence accorded us, there is not a single individual on the "Séniavine" who can boast of having obtained any favors from a beauty of the low islands of the Carolines.

13: Lutké--149-150 (1827-1828) 1836 Woleaians
116, 562, 437 Woleai

At Ouléaf the women came quite close to our vessel, but they never arrived in the men's canoes. They took pleasure in crying and calling us by our names, which they sometimes pronounced in the most comical manner. Though they reiterated their demands [AN: for ornaments] unceasingly, in order to obtain more than we had given them, they appeared to receive our gifts with a kind of disdain, and this greatly amused us. Some of them wore pretty belts, of the width of about two fingers, made of the wood of cocoanuts and of white shells put together in a way that recalled mosaics...as I wanted to [p. 150] own one of these belts very greatly, I offered them a considerable price, in their eyes, for this single article; but these women multiplied their demands to such an extent on every occasion I yielded to their instances, that I could not succeed in obtaining one for myself. It seems, besides, that the women set great store by them; I sometimes saw men adorn themselves with them, but they were no more inclined to give them up, alleging, to justify their refusal, that this ornament belonged to their wives.

13: Lutké--159
116, 837

(1827-1828) 1836

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The bizarre custom that rules in the Ouléai group and which consists in the husband allowing his friend, if he is under his roof, to replace him for a night beside his wife, is absolutely unknown in the islands [AN: Murilo]...

13: Lutké--307-309 (1827-1828) 1836 Woleaians -1 -2
116, 136 Woleai

Three days spent in the lagoons of Ouléaf provided us with a great quantity of new fish of the most interesting kinds. A new genus of the family of the Labridae (Axodon. Cuv.) was established from a single specimen I obtained; this fish appeared to us to be rare wherever we were. It is remarkable above all for the width of its front teeth; in the general shape of its body and coloring it resembles somewhat the genus Julis. We also caught [308] some specimens of the magnificent Julis Gaymardi of Quoy, as well as some new species of Chaetodon and Balistes, the Holocanthus dux and trimaculatus, the celebrated Chelmon (Chaetodon rostratus, Linn.), a couple of new species of Acanthurus and several others.

This coral group seemed to us poorer than that of Lougounor in animals of the higher orders. No Pteropus presented itself to us; and even the rat which, it would appear, is found on all these islands, is rare here. We were shown two domestic cats that were very carefully shut in, of a breed with long legs and of a reddish yellow color; we were told that they had been brought from Manilla. [sic]

We noticed here the same birds as on Lougounor, except for the hens and pigeons; on the other hand, I saw the same long-tailed cuckoo I had seen twice on Ualan and had been unable to see on Lougounor. The Sterna alba is very common here and likes to rest on the trees; the Sterna stolida and tenuirostris, on the contrary, just as on Ualan, are seen more on the water; the Sterna melanauchen...was noticed singly and seemed to

nest on the sandbanks; there we took some young specimens which we thought [309] belonged to this species; the other sea swallows, mentioned above, nest in common on the trees. We were able to obtain the nests and eggs of the Sterna stolida.